

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-27 were pending. Claims 16-21 and 25-27 are hereby canceled. Therefore, upon entry of this amendment, which is respectfully requested, claims 1-15 and 22-24 will be pending.

Applicants hereby elect Group I claims, specifically claims 1-15 and 22-24 drawn to antibodies that bind factor IXa and increase the procoagulant activity of factor IXa and pharmaceutical compositions comprising said antibodies for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-15 and 22-24 read on the elected invention. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications to pursue prosecution of the canceled Group II and III claims.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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